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Re: Request for Assurances that Current Residents of the Hunters Point Shipyard is Safe for Residential Use

May 14, 2018

Dear Mr. Manzanilla & Ms. Duchnak:

As the Mayor of San Francisco, my constituents' safety is my number one concern and prime responsibility. We are aware of the many recent news articles concerning allegations of fraudulent conduct and misrepresentations by Tetra Tech, a contractor hired by the Navy to investigate and perform radiological remediation at the Hunters Point Shipyard. I write today to request assurance from both of your agencies that Shipyard areas where our constituents are currently living, working, and raising families is safe for human activity, as we have been previously assured over the past many years.

Between years of public assurances by federal agencies and recent news reports conflicting these assurances, the public is now uncertain about the condition of the soil beneath their feet. We understand that the Navy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have concluded that there is no threat to the safety of residents currently living on the Shipyard based on past evaluations, yet questions continue to be raised by the public.

Both the U.S. EPA and the Navy have the jurisdiction and responsibility to reconfirm the safety of occupied areas. The City and our development partners depend upon your agencies to accurately reflect the safety of the land. Hence, we request that the Navy and U.S. EPA undertake an independent reevaluation of the occupied areas of the Shipyard to assure us that they pose no health threat to the people living and working there. We request this reevaluation not be performed by Tetra Tech. If the Navy and U.S. EPA do not believe that a reevaluation is

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 200 San Francisco, California 94102-4681 Telephone: (415) 554-6141 needed, we are requesting a detailed explanation as to why no further evaluations is needed in light of the Tetra Tech allegations.

Thank you for sharing our commitment to safety, and we look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Farrell

Mayor, City & County of San Francisco

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